GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF DRINKING WATER IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there will be an acute shortage of drinking water in Delhi and National Capital Region during the summer season;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government to avoid the shortage of drinking water in summer;

(c) whether the Union Government have formulated any long term plan to increase the supply of drinking water to the rising population of Delhi and National Capital Region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): Delhi Jal Board have stated that at present, the demand for water in Delhi is about 800 MGD for all uses, against which the Delhi Jal Board, on an average, is supplying about 630 MGDof water by optimisation. There is a gap of about 170 MGD between demand and supply. To deal with the DJB hasinstalled and commissioned 152 nos. additional tube- wells during the current year. Thereby augmenting the water supply be about 7.5 MGD. As per the details provided by NCRPB out of 94 urban centres, 74 towns have organised water supply systems of drawing water from tube wells, dug wells and Canals. The per capita supply ranges from 45 to 180 liters per day.

(c)&(d): Delhi Jal Board have stated that construction of various projects of Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) atNangloi, Bawana and Sonia Vihar, Renuka Dam in Himachal Pradesh,Kishau Damand Lakhwar Vyasi Dam in Uttar Pradesh are under preparation. According to NCRPB Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA)constituted under Section 4 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 has declared several areas as `Notified Areas` for the purpose of regulation and development of ground water resources. The construction and installation of any ground water abstraction structure without specific approval of CGWA is prohibited in these `Notified Areas` of National Capital Region.